Telegraphic News

WASHINGTON.

New River and Harbor Recommendation. WASHINGTON, December 4.-The Secretary of War has adopted a new method of submitting his estimates for a River and Harbor Bill. He recommends the specific sum of \$8,000,000, to be distributed as Congress may direct. The Engineers' estimates are simply presented as notes of the same which it is believed by officers in charge of works can be profitably expended during the fiscal year. He recommends \$17,500 for examinations and surveys at South Pass, Mississippi River; \$5,000 for gauging the waters of the Lower Mississppi and its tributaries, and \$3,000 for gauging the waters of the Columbia

Mahone Defines His Position.

Washington, December 5 .- Senators Mahone and Riddleberger received invitations to the caucus of Republican Senators yesterday similar to those sent to Republicans. Senator Mahone, speaking of his attitude toward the Republican party, said he had no objection to attending the Republican caucus, and should have attended that yesterday had he received the invitation in season. He would not, however, attend as a member of the caucus nor vote upon any proposition before it. He held that the thirtyeight Republican Senators, being a majority of the Senate, had a right to its control. He had no candidates for Senate offices, and would not attempt to influence nominations. He had strong preferences, but should content himself with voting in accordance with his preferences. Should be attend the Republican caucuses it would be simply for conference. He believed his opinions were shared by Senator Riddle-

Land-Office Bills in the Senate.

Washington, December 6 .-- The bills introduced in the Senate, by Senator Ingalls, repealing the pre-emption and timber culture laws, were prepared by the General Land and found that Schlittler and his step-Office. The proposed repeal of these laws, which has been recommended by the Land Office, by the Secretary of the Interior and by the President, will undoubtedly be disin both houses of Congress this winter. A dozen bills proposing the repeal will be introduced in the House next Monday. But the proposition will be stubbornly fought. Land speculators in the West have organized a powerful lobby to resist the passage of repeal legislation. Some of their representatives are already here, and are bringing appliances to bear upon Senators and upon the Speaker of the House to secure the appointment of committees which will smother legislation. It is altogether probable that a repeal bill will be passed by the House, but it may be defeated in the Senate as it was at the last session.

Notes.

Secretary Teller has decided that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian nations have no claims against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road for material furnished for its construction, as the Indians were paid individually. The following new Postmasters have

been appointed: Rufus Lancaster, Hinton, Ky.; Samuel Eggleston, Hope Furhace, O.; Jerome B. Byers, Mayfield. Tenn.; Charles C. Stelier, Servia, late New Madison, Ind.; New offices-Benjamin F. Reed, Wilmot, Stark County, O.

The President will make the Mississippi River improvement, the Hennepin Canal and other public works the subject of a special message to Congress. Reference to these subjects was omitted from the regular message with a view of treating them in detail in supplemental communications.

Representative King, of Louisiana, has prepared, and will introduce into the House at the first opportunity, a bill to require that females employed by the Government shall receive a rate of compensation equal to that allowed males for the same grade of work.

Doorkeeper Wintersmith, of the House of Representatives, has appointed John Ford Thompson, of Harrodsburg, Ky., Superintendent of the Folding-Room, the best position under the Doorkeeper. The appointee is a cousin of Congressman Phil. Thompson.

DOMESTIC.

A Wealthy Carriage Manufacturer Charged by His Wife With Forgery.

Houston, Texas, December 6 .- J. W Rose, a wealthy carriage manufacturer, disappeared last Sunday, and the wife and her supposed stepson tell the grand jury that Rose is Cornelius Krum, who, in Kingston, N. Y., in 1866, committed a heavy forgery, deserted his wife and two childfen, and came to Texas, made money, and married Mrs. Dagnall, the complainant. He returned to Kingston in 1876, after the charge of forgery was outlawed, and promised to bring his first wife to Texas. Failing to do so, his son followed him a few months ago and, threatening exposure, Rose shot six times at him. The son, showing signs of recovery, was sent to Florida, Rose assuring him his second wife was only his mistress and at the same time inducing her to say she did the shooting. The boy is now at Houston to compel reparation to his mother, but his father's whereabouts are unknown.

A Singularly Disastrous Snow Storm.

DENVER, Col., December 6 .- A snow and wind storm visited this section last night, which in disastrous effect is without parallel in the history of Colorado. The snow commenced falling at noon and continued all night. The weather being warm, the snow attached itself to the telephone wires until It was two inches in diameter. At 4 this morning the wind blew almost a gale, and in about half an hour 300 poles, eighteen inches in diameter, were blown down, carrying a mass of wire. Fifteenth, Eighteenth and Lawrence streets for a dozen squares were blockaded, and all trains were delayed until this evening. Outside communication is completely cut off. The telephone companies will probably lose \$15,000, while the damage to the railroads, telegraph, electric light and district messenger companies is heavy. Strangely, no loss of life is reported, and

few serious accidents. Another Inexplicable Disappearance.

WHEELING, W. Va., December 4.-Friends of Lettie Yost, daughter of Jacob Yost. living near Carlington, O., a small town a few miles down the river, are in the city hunting for traces of her. She suddenly disappeared last Thursday evening without taking with her any clothing except that which she had worn while preparing the evening meal for her father and brothers, and has not been heard of since. No cause of dissatisfaction or motive for her disappearance has been given, and no clew has been found so far. bhe is described as a handsome, amiable girl, aged eighteen. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, the case is about as inexplicable as the disappearance of Major McColloch, of this city?

His Wife too Unsuspecting of His Shameful Hypocrisy.

Pious Meditations with a Stepdaughter Which Ended In Her Ruin and His Own Flight From Home,

St. Louis, Mo., December 5 .- The people of Carondelet are terribly incensed at the doings of the Rev. Jacob Shlittler, pas tor of the German Lutheran Church, which have just come to light. Jacob arrived in Carondelet eight years ago and gave out that he was from Chicago. He married a rich widow named Westerman, and she had a daughter, a handsome young lady just budding into womanhood. Shlittler for some time, it appears, has had his wife completely under his control. He built an oratory in his parlor, and three times a day her daughter was brought in there, where her spiritual adviser and stepfather pretended to be praying with her. Supernatural manifestations reduced Mrs. Schlittler to a state of practical imbecility. Annie found the paths of goodness pleasant to walk in, and for some months everything went well. In the middle watches of the night Schlittler would arise and call the unfortunate girl to devotions. Her mother world applaud the pair and thank Heaven for such a kusband and such a daughter. A week ago Annie's aunt, a lady named Alstoroff, called upon the Shlittlers and at once suspected that something was wrong. In spite of herself the girl was seized by her mother and her aunt and the truth discovered. Finally, getting free from her aunt, she struck her a blow in the face which sent her reeling over a chair, and, rushing into the front parlor half clad as she was, she threw herself into her father's arms, crying, "Protect me from mother and Aunt Alstoroff!" The two women fol-lowed her in, realized the situation at once, and the mother fell in a dead faint. The Rev. Jacob, as soon as she was restored, confessed his crime and begged forgiveness. Annie followed, confessing, and asking pardon. The aunt began to denounce and threaten tar and feathers. A scene followed, and the wife took the part of the erring husband and daughter, and drove her sister from the house. The latter smothered her rage and held her own counsel until to-day, when she informed the authorities. Officers immediately set about investigating the matter, daughter had fled the city, Mrs. Schlittler. strange as it may seem, having consented to his taking her daughter to Chicago. To your correspondent she said: "I have still faith in my husband's purity. He confessed to me, but said that he must have committed the crime when in a semi-unconscious state. God forgives, why should not I? I love Annie. I love him. He will take all right." She had just received a letter from her husband, whose departure for Chicago was made last Wednesday. He writes: "Annie is doing as well as could be expected. What do people say about us in Carondelet?" He also says that he and Annie are staying in Chicago with his sister, Mrs. Mary Heyder, at No. 45 Mohawk

The Legislature of Virginia. RICHMOND, VA., December 5 .- The General Assembly met at noon. Both houses elected Democratic officers. Governor Cameron's message deals mainly with State affairs. In the matter of the public debt he refers at length to the working of the Riddleberger act, and recommends that the requirements of the bill be all carried out by the present Legislature, and that further legislation be adopted increase its effectiveness. The Governor says an investigation should be had in relation to the Danville riot. Witnesses should be allowed to testify, should be made to testify, and the truth should be made apparent, so that the Commonwealth of Virginia should be placed before the world as one of the States which tries crime, no matter who may be the to resign. The preamble consists of a sharp arraignment of the Senator.

National Farmers' Congress.

Louisville, Ky., December 5 .- The Farmers' Congress of the United States, convened to-day at the Galt House. Sixty delegates were present, representing Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, Colorado and Indiana. Other delegates are expected to arrive tonight. The President of the Congress, Major Thomas J. Hudson, of Lamar, Miss., made an address of some length, setting forth the demands and wants of the agriculturists, and especially urging the appointment of the Commissioner of Agriculture | claim regarding Tonquin. It prefers war as a member of the President's Cabinet. "Such officer," he said, "could watch our foreign relations in respect to this interest, which must ever be the greatest. Let us, der. therefore, form a national body, to teach farmers their own interest, and to raise a cry that will reach the Federal Government." The Congress will be in session about three days.

The Cotton Centennial Meeting.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6 .- The board of managers of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition has adopted the design proposed by G. M. Jorgenson. an architect of Meridian, Miss., to the main. building. It will be 1,500 feet long and 900 feet wide, with 1,000,398 square feet of floor space, including a music hall in the center, with a seating capacity for 12,000 persons. The design also provides for main offices, a telegraph office, newspaper department, fire department, police, hospital, waiting rooms, and lifesaving apparatus. Ten plans were offered. and three premiums awarded. The building will be the largest exposition building ever erected, except the one in London in

Samon, the Murderer, Pleads Guilty. LACONIA. N. H., December 6.-Samon. the murderer, was given a hearing to-day. He appeared nervous. In answer to the question, "Samon, are you guilty or not guilty?" he responded, "Guilty, sir." He was ordered to remain in jail till March, when his case will be heard. He said his confession was true in every respect, and that he was ready to suffer the penalty for his crime. It is thought the weight on his mind will entirely break him down, and cause his death before March. He eats very little, but com-plains of nothing. There are no chances

Heavy Floods in Texas.

for a plea of insanity to be entered in his

DALLAS, TEX., December 6.-It rained last night and partially flooded the city. The postoffice building was rendered unsafe and was damaged \$5,000. The Third back to El Obeid, no prisoners were seen. Ward sewer was badly washed away, with | They believe the story that the Egyptian a loss of \$8,000. Harris' stationary store army was entirely annihilated is true. was injured to the extent of \$2,000, and he will sue the city. The Herald's stock of white paper was slightly damaged. The streams are swollen and trains are from six to speak, as promised. He failed to hear to eight hours late. the Court Registrar ask him, before his

A Texan to Sue for His Slaves. Sr. Louis, December 5 .- The Globe-Demowat to-morrow will state that prominent parties in Texas are soon to bring suit in the Court of Claims at Washington to recover the value of slaves emancipated during Home Secretary, asking him to commute the late war. This action will be based the death sentence of O'Donnell. Some of chiefly on certain clauses in the State Con- the jurymen are willing to sign the paper, stitution, which were approved and in-dorsed by Congress at the time of annexa-decline.

tion, and which, it is claimed, makes the Government of the United States liable for slave property. The plaintiff in the case was a strong and very pronounced Union man during the war, and his proposed action is indorsed and to be pushed by some of the best lawyers in Texas.

Disastrous Gas Explosion,

GREENSBURG, PA., December 4 .- An explosion of gas in the mines of the Youngstown Coke Company, at Stamburg, four miles north of Greensburg, occurred this morning. William Hann was instantly killed, and six others seriously but not fatally hurt. Hann entered the mines with an open lamp and an explosion immediately followed. The concussion was terrific. Doors and pillars were blown out, cars lifted from tracks, and lights for half a mile in the mines extinguished.

A Mother's Crime.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 4.-Monday evening Miss Jennie Williams, of Guntersville, Ala., went to the funeral of a leading citizen, who died Sunday. She suddenly disappeared, but, when she returned, seemed to be suffering intensely, but went home, and has since fled the country. It now develops that she gave birth to a child during her absence, and, to destroy the evidence of her shame, murdered the child by crushing its skull, and threw its body in a branch.

Earthquakes in Arkansas.

Sr. Louis, December 6.—Seven shocks of earthquake were felt yesterday at Rovender Springs, Ark. They lasted forty seconds and broke glassware, crockery, and stones in houses. Large rocks were loosened and fell in the cuts on the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railroad near by. The shocks were accompanied by a loud noise, a violent jar of the earth, and moved from the northwest to the

Jail Delivery at Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 5 .- Fourteen prisoners, charged with all crimes, including murder and highway robbery, escaped from the county jail by sawing their way through with steel shanks taken from their shoes. The jail is new, and was built at a cost of \$30,000, and was regarded as the finest in the South. There is great excitement in the city, and a posse of one hundred is in pursuit.

A Child Carried off by a Bear.

APPLETON, WIS., December 6 .- Seventy citizens of Cicero and Lessor townships, of Shawane County, started into the forest to-day on an organized search for little vicinity, and are being killed every day. It is believed that the child is still alive, and the people are wild with excitement.

The Pennsylvania Legislature Adjourns. HARRISBURG, December 6.-The Legislature adjourned sine die. Most of the members turned into the Treasury one hundred good care of Annie. They will come back | and ten dollars each, their pay for the eleven days' recess at the beginning of the session. A charter was granted to the Standard Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburg, capital \$20,000.

Prohibitionists to Consolidate.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL, December 5 .- The Illinois State Temperance Union to-day decided to consolidate with the National Prohibition and Home Protection party. and suggested a national convention, to be held at Louisville, Chicago, or Buffalo, after holding the Republican and Democratic conventions.

CABLEGRAMS

The Franco-Ghinese Trouble. Hong Kong, December 4.- Eleven hun-

dred Chinese troops passed to-day in a Chinese merchant steamer, on the way from Shanghai to Canton. More are fol-

London, December 4 .- A Paris dispatch states that Admiral Courbet, commander of the French forces in Tonquin, has ordered an attack upon Sontay, not Bacninh, to appease the susceptibilities of the Chicriminal. A resolution was introduced in | nese Government during the negotiations the Senate calling upon Senator Manone | with France. Bacninh is garrisoned by Chinese regulars. Sontay is in the hands of the Black Flags.

Hong Kong, December 5 .- Admiral Ping Yu Ling, who has arrived in Canton, has publicly notified all foreigners that war is imminent. He has massed all his available land and sea forces for the purpose of protecting Canton, and has warned all neutral powers that France alone is responsible for the position of affairs, and for the war likely to ensue. All the powers are warned especially to observe their treaty obligations, and informed that their literal interpretation will be insisted upon.

Hong Kong, December 6 .- The Government refuses to withdraw or modify its to the surrender of the Province of France. Large bodies of troops are continually passing Hong Kong for the Tonquin bor-

Paris, December 6.-Admiral Courbet telegraphs, under the date of Hanoi, November 27, that he is still preparing for the campaign. La Liberte (newspaper) says England is taking energetic steps to bring about a treaty between France and China. It adds that it has authorized information which leads to the belief that peaceful negotiations have made great progress during the last few days.

English Comment On Arthur's Message. LONDON, December 5.- The Times thinks President Arthur's message somewhat colorless, and sees a tribute to the Irish vote in the language used in regard to pauper emigrants. The press generally picture the message presents of the great prosperity of the United States.

Things Getting Serious in Egypt.

LONDON, December 6 .- A Kartoum dispatch says: The mudir of Sernaar telegraphs that a dervisch entered the bazaar there Wednesday evening and proclaimed the annihilation of Hicks Pasha's army near El Obeid. The dervisch swore on the Koran that not one Egyptian soldier was left alive in Kordofan. Five thousand hearers armed themselves, 500 having Remington rifles, and declared for El Mahdi. The Mudir asks for instructions. A Cairo correspondent says the foregoing is the most serious news received since the report of the destruction of Hicks Pasha's army. Sernaar is the granary of the Khartoum. The proceedings at Sernaar may be repeated at Khartoum or even at Assouan.

Notes.

Men who have made the journey from El Obeid to Khartoum since the battle between the forces of Hicks Pasha and the False Prophet, say that while there were large stores and a train of camels taken A London correspondent says O'Donnell's frenzy at the conclusion of his trial was due to the fact that he was not allowed

and therefore made no answer. When Judge Denman, later on, forbade his speaking, O'Donnell thought he was wronged. O'Donnell's solicitor is endeavoring to induce the jury to sign a memorial to the

sentence, whether he had anything to say,

ILL-FATED STEAMER XLVIIIth CONGRESS

The Story of the Loss of the Lake **Boat Manistee.**

She Breaks in Two and Goes Down-Only One Boat Saved-Her Inmates Freeze to Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 7 .- A Tribune special says: Mr. Carlston, of Duluth, received a letter yesterday from a friend who was a passenger on the ill-fated Manistee, of which the following is a synopsis:

"When the boat went out," the letter goes on to state, "they encountered a very heavy gale from the southwest, and when about twenty miles out the boat was put about, but could not make it and broke in two. Two lifeboats were taken out, but before they were launched all but one were swept away, and only the nine persons who were in the boat were allowed to get in. They had a terrible time. After the steamer went down there was nothing but a wide expanse of water before them. They rolled around on the turbulent waters, cold, wet, and hungry, for three days, and one by one dropped off, death having come to their relief, Some of them froze to death, while some died of sheer exhaustion and exposure to the wind. They say Capt. McKay never left the boat, but wrapped himself up in a heavy overcoat and remarked: 'I will never leave the boat until the last soul is off; I am Captain of this boat, and if she is a coffin for anybody she shall be my coffin.' After the men had left the boat they say the Manistee made one plunge under the waves, and that was the last of her. They report that when they left the boat there were the crew and ten or eleven passengers on board, and out of those who started out in the boat only three were saved and reached Houghton. They say the wreck occurred off Eagle Harbor, and that there was no possible chance of saving her under the circumstances. They say that at last, when everybody saw there was no hope of saving the boat, Captain McKay gave his orders just as coolly and collected as if on shore."

Pacific Coast Interests.

Washington, December 7 .- A meeting of members of Congress from the Pacific Coast States was held to-day. There were present Senators Dolph and Slater, Represen-Tenie Matise, who was carried away by a huge she-bear. Bears are numerous in that cock, Budd, Henly, Tuiley, and Cassedy. Senator Miller presided. object of the meeting was to secure unanimity among the Pacific Coast Representatives and Senators in respect to legislation by this Congress in the interest of the people of the Pacific Coast, especially in respect to curing defects in the present Chinese restriction act. It was known that several members were preparing bills covering the matter, but it was telt by those calling the meeting that it would be better to have all Representatives from that section unite upon a plan of action. The meeting discussed the evasion of the law by Chinese immigrants furnished certificates by Chinese authorities, entitling them to enter this country as belonging to classes privileged by the law, and finally agreed that a bill to remedy the defects of the present law be prepared and introduced simultaneously in both houses as the joint work of the Pacific Coast delegation. A committee consisting of Senator Dolph, Representatives Henly and Cassidy, was appointed to draw up a bill and submit it to the delegations at a meeting next week. The meeting discussed several other matters of local interst, among them the necessities of the coast in the matter of river and harbor improvements and public buildings, but this discussion was informal and subordinate to the question of Chinese restriction. Rep resentative Cassidy, one of the committee appointed, favors the adoption of a system of passports for Chinese immigrants, to be used by United States Consuls before the persons holding them go aboard vessels for the United States. This was one of the features of the "twenty year" restriction bill vetoed by President Arthur.

Convicted of Fraud.

CHICA GO, December 7 .- John Flemming and Frank L. Loring, prosecuted under the Federal statutes for their participation in what have become known as the "Fund W" frauds, and whose trial has been in progress for the last two weeks before Judge Blodgett in the United States District Court, were found guilty this afterernoon on all the counts of the indictment. The firm known as Flemming & Merriam, advertised to do a commission business on the Chicago Board, and induced a great many people in the United States and Canada to invest in "Fund W," and it is estimated they collected in this manner to exceed \$1,000,000, which they claimed to be using in the form of speculation on board, sending to their subscribers from time to time large dividends upon their investment. The Federal authorities exposed the fraud and Flemming fled to Canada, but was recently arrested in Bismarck, Dakota. The Merriam of the firm is supposed to be a myth. Loring was proven to have had an active connection with the firm. The indictments were for fraudulent use of the mails and for obtaining money under false pretenses. The prisoners were very strongly defended. The law makes the maximum penalty in such cases \$500 and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

Civil Service for New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 7 .- The civil service commission in session the past three days finished its labors by the adoption of the Governor and approved of by bim.

Louisville to Repeat Her Show.

LOUISVILLE, December 7.-The directors of the Southern Exposition have decided to hold another exposition in 1884, the dates to be so arranged as not to conflict with the World's Exposition at New Orleans. An additional tund of \$250,000 will be

Workingmen to Move in Politics. Boston, December 7 .- The President of the Workingmen's Association of Lynn calls for a national convention of the national workingman's party and the nomination of candidates for President and

Four Mexicans Lynched in Texas.

Vice President.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., December 7.-It is reported that four Mexicans, charged with murdering Domingo Polomo, four weeks ago, near Fort Davis has been taken from the authorities and lynched.

-Mrs. Thomas Cooch, of Pottsville, Pa., so seriously burned by her clothes taking fire a few days ago, has died. Two hours before death she insisted that the wedding of her daughter to a young gentleman of Pottsville should take piace by her bedside, and the solemn ceremony was performed in accordance with the dving mother's request .-Pittsburgh Post.

-Joukoysky, Lomonossoff, Griboycdoff, Dastoiyeysky, Pissemskyskoffthese are the kind of names that fill the literary trump of fame in Russia, and split that sacred bugle from stem to stern .- Chicago Inter Ocean.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, December 3 .- SENATE-The Senate was called to order by President pro tem, Edmunds. Prayer was offered, and the President laid before the Senate the credentials of the re-election of Mr. Beck to succeed himself; Palmer, Ferry and Pike to succeed Mr. Rollins. The oath was administered to Messrs. Beck, Bowen, Cullom, Dolph, and Ferry, whose credentials were submitted last session. The customary resolutions notifying the House and President that the Senate was ready for business were agreed to. A recess was taken for one hour, and on assembling the recess was extended. At 3 o'clock the Senate was again called to order but there being no prospect of a speedy completion of the House organization, it ad-

House-At 12 o'clock Clerk McPherson rapped the House to order and proceeded to call the roll of States. When Mississippi was reached, the Clerk stated no certificate had been handed him by any Representative-elect in the Second District. If the Governor of Mississippi had issued one, he had not received it. In regard to the First District of North Carolina, the Clerk stated he had not received the certificate of the successor of Mr. Hoole, deceased. The rool-call disclosed 316 members. The nominations for Speaker being then in order, Mr. Geddes said: "I nominate as Speaker of this House of the Forty-eighth Congress, Mr Carlisle, of Kentucky, a man acknowledged to possess pre-eminently the qualifications for the place." Mr. Cannon presented the name of Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, and Mr. Lyman the name of Mr. Robinson, of Massachusetts. Messrs. Morrison, Tucker, Reed and Calkins being appointed tellers, the clerk proceeded to call the roll, the result being as follows: Carlisle, 191; Keifer, 112; Robinson, 2; scattering 3. The Clerk declared Mr. Carlisle elected. Upon taking the chair Mr. Carlisle delivered a short address. The ironclad oath was administered by Mr. Kelly, the oldest member in the continuous service, and Speaker Calisle called the House to order; the States were called and their representatives came forward and qualified. Some discussion was indulged in over the application of Mr. Manning, of Mississippi, for his seat pending action on which the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, December 4 .- SENATE - Among the bills introduced in the Senate to-day were the following: By Mr. Ingalls-To amend the Arrears of Pension Law, by removing certain limitations to that act. By Mr. Beck-Providing for the removal of all disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution; also, authorizing American citizens to purchase foreign-built ships, to engage in the foreign earrying trade. By Mr. Edmunds-To provide further protection of eolored citizens of the United States against the violation of certain rights secured by the Constitution; also, to establish a postal telegraph system. By Mr. Sherman—To provide for the issue of circulation to National banks, allowing the circulation to be issued for ninety per cent. of the market value of the bonds, instead of the face value. By Mr. Beck-To repeal the act of July 2, 1862, and such sections of the Revised Statutes of the United States as perpetuate the oath prescribed by the Fourteenth Amendment. Also to authorize the payment of customs duties in legal tender. The President's message was then received and read and the Senate ad-

House-The question of the right of Mr. Manning and Mr. Chalmers to a seat from the Second District of Missisippi was referred to the Election Committee. The Democratic caucus nominees were then elected and sworn in. Mr. Springer offered a resolution to refer to the Committee on Elections, when appointed, the memorial of the Governor of Kansas and others (presented yesterday) and papers presented to the Clerk of the House, in regard to the election qualifications of Mr. Peters, of Kansas, with instructions to report whether Mr. Peters is eligible: if not, whether the contestant, Mr. Wood, is entitled to the seat. Adopted. A resolution was adopted, providing that the rules of the Forty-seventh Congress be the rules of the Forty-eighth until two weeks from the appointment of a Committee on Rules. The President's message was then read and the House adjourned. WASHINGTON, December 5 .- SENATE-Mr.

Hoar presented a joint resolution from the Legislature of Massachusetts, opposing convict labor on public work of the United States. Mr. Butler introduced a bill to repeal the internal revenue law now in force, and to abolish the internal revenue bureau. By Mr. Logan-To provide for granting public lands to soldiers and sailors of the late war. By Mr. Blair-A joint resolution, proposing a constiantional amendment regarding alcoholic liquors. The proposed amendment prehibits the manufacture or sale of distilled alcoholic liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, and scientific purposes, or use in the arts in any of the States or Territories, and the importation of such liquors except for the purposes named, and provides that should this amendment not be ratifled by three-fourths of the States before the last of December, 1890, the Prohibition it proposes shall take effect as an act of Congress at the expiration of ten years. Mr. Hoar introduced a bill concerning Federal elections. It provides for the use of a patented ballot box and counting of the ballots to be done in open meeting, which is not to be adjourned until all the ballots are counted and the result publicly proclaimed by the officer in charge, which officer shall be a United States Marshal or Supervisor, who shall be the custodian of the boxes as representative of the Attorney General, who shall have the primary charge of and responsibility for such boxes. The Senate then went into executive session and ad-

House-Mr. Randall objected to the passage of a resolution for the immediate appropriation of \$50,000 for printing the records of the United States Supreme Court. Referred to Commit-tee of the Whole. He said all deficiencies should have a thorough investigation, not only by the House, but by the appropriate committee. He had a horror of deficiencies. The Virginia contested election case of Garrison vs. Mayo was referred to the Committee on Elections, when appointed, with instructions to repore the legal questions involved therein, It was ordered that when the House adjourn to-morrow, it be to meet on Monday. Mr. Jones submitted the customary resolutions announcing the death of Thomas H. Herndon. of Alabama, and in respect to the memory of the deceased the House adjourned with the understanding that no business will be trans-

WASHINGTON, December 6. - SENATE-Memorials and petitions were presented as foldays finished its labors by the adoption of a set of "civil service rules" under the act whom the Government has granted lands be express disappointment that the President did not recommend reductions in the tariff New York." They have been submitted to people. Also, that the duty removed from barbed wire; also, urging the improvement of the Missouri River. By Mr. Slater, from the Chamber of Commerce, Astoria, Or., praying that lands granted the Oregon Central Railroad by act of May 4, 1870, be forfeited and thrown open to settlement. The following joint resolutions were offered. By Mr. Butler-To provide for the amendment of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution, by inserting the word nativity, so as to make the article read: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of nativity, race, color, or previous condition of servitude. By Mr. Lapham-Proposing an amendment to the Constitution giving women the right of suffrage: also, proposing an amendment to the Constitution giving the President the right to veto separate items in an appropriation bill while approving the remainder. The items rejected however, may become a law by an affirmative-two-thirds vote of each house. By Mr. Morgan-Proposing an amendment to the Constitution by which the President shall have the power to disapprove of any item in the appropriations for rivers and harbors while approving other items. At the expiration of the morning hour the Senate adjourned. House.-Mr. McCord took the oath of office ad the House adjourned until Monday.

> -The treasurer of one of the chief mills in Lowell, Mass., has asked the employes by circular to vote on the question of monthly or fortnightly payments. "I think you are the best judges of the gain or loss to come to you from fortnightly payments," he says. He shows that it will cost the company a little more to pay fortnightly, and says the prices of goods are so low that economy must be practiced. He admits that the employes could save money by buying for cash.—Boston Herald.

-At amateur theatricals in Philadelphia, Mrs. Guinn inhaled red fire and died .- Philadelpha Press.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Pitiable Fate of a Once Prosperous Bust

F. W. Merz, once a prominent architectural founder at Louisville, was returned to that city from Bloomingdale Asylum, New York, a few nights ago by David Duke, an officer of that institution, and placed in Central Station, a woe-begone lunatic. Duke says that Mrs. Merz telegraphed the Bloomingdale authorities that she would meet him at the depot at Louisville, but when they arrived found her not and all efforts to ascertain her wherabouts have been futile. Some years ago Merz left Louisville a wealthy man and went to New York, where he successfully manipulated stocks and added to his estate, but afterward bad luck struck him, and he lost heavily. Finally he was compelled to return to Louisville to sell his real estate, but to this his wife would not consent, so the old man added drink to his misfortune, and soon became a lunatic. Some months after this developed Mrs. Merz entered suit for divorce, which is still pending, but it appears that she received information that his days were numbered. and concluded to send for him so that he might die at home. He is said to be a pitiable sight, and beyond the powers of recognition by his old friends unless pointed out and named. It is believed that Mrs. Merz is at Cincinnati with relatives. What will be done with him has not been determined.

Weekly Review of the Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

The receipts for the week were 600 hogsheads, against 350 last week and 250 in the corresponding week of last year. The rejections were 55 hogsheads, and during the year the rejections amounted to 11,735 hogsheads. The proportion of rejections to sales this week was 7 per cent. In Cincinnati this week the proportion of rejections to actual sales was 47 per cent., and the rejections in that market during the year amount to 22,784 hogsheads. Receipts have increased materially, as had been anticied, and still larger receipts are indicated for next week. Of the character of new crop offerings there is nothing to be said in modification of the encomiums in which we have indulged in previous reports. There has been, probably, more moisture in packages, however, in consequence of late wet weather. The market has been steady and latterly there has been a hardening tendency. New Burley tobaccos, in or out of condition, have constantly attracted a brisk competition, and prices have been somewhat more favorable to sellers. The previous limit of \$22 on fine leaf has been raised to \$22.50. Old crop Burleys have been firm. New dark leaf has sold 25@50c higher. New lugs and trash are firm, and old crop goods have sold at somewhat fuller prices. We quote full-weight packages of old crop

tooaccos as 101	lows:
	Dark and Heavy. Burley.
Trash	\$5 00@ 5 75 \$5 00@ 7 00
Common lugs	5275@ 6 25 6 00@ 8 00
Medium lugs	6 00@ 6 75 7 00@10 00
Good lugs	6 50% 7 25 8 00%13 00
Common leaf	6 75@ 7 75 8 00@10 00
Medium leaf	7 75@ 9 00 12 00@15 00
Good leaf	9 00@11 00 18 00@24 00
Fine and fancy	leaf12 00@17 00 nominal.

Miscellaneous Items.

B. F. FERGUSON, of New Haven, has been arrested and taken to New Hope, Nelson County, on a writ sworn out by his wife charging him with the rape of his two Stepdaughters aged, respectively eleven and sixeeen. In an interview with a reporter-Ferguson stated he was never married to the woman who claimed to be his wife but had cohabitated with her for about five years; that the two daughters were born to her before he began living with her; that he had intercourse with the sixteen-year-old girl with her own free will, and denies the charge of raping the eleven-year-old girl; says that he had promised to marry the woman, but had never done so, knowing her character. He was placed under guard on his arrival at New Hope, but managed to escape and at last accounts was still at

JOHN LEDFORD, Charles Harper, and Boon Donihoe, of Olympia, Bath County, are all under arrest on the charge of selling whisky in violation of the local option law, and nearly everybody in that community has been summoned as a witness.

JOHN McDonald, a painter of Mt. Sterling, was thrown from his horse on a pile of stones a few days since, sustaining injuries that may prove fatal.

JERRY DUNEVANT, of Christainsburg. Shelby County, while coon-hunting a few nights ago, missed his footing, falling from a tree, dislocating his shoulder, breaking both arms and receiving other injuries which will prove fatal.

VANCE KOHLEPP, of Franklin, brother of Maj. John A. Kohlepp, took morphine with intent to suicide a few days ago. Doctors L. J. Jones and J. B. Gardner answered a summons in time and extracted the poison before it permeated the system. THE pig problem is still exercising the aenizens of Maysville. The question is who shall have possession, the pigs or the

A NEGRO boy named Charles Lytle has been placed in jail at Dauville for the murder of a colored woman named Mollie Bruce, fiving on a plantation near there. The boy is only twenty years of age, and declares the shooting of Mollie was purely

accidental. JAS. PEASLEE has filed suit in the United States Court at Covington against Charles and J. M. Clark, for \$10,000 damages alleged to have been caused by the sinking of a barge by the steamer J. M. Clark in the Big Sandy. W. C. Byres has also brought suit against E. Craill and others for \$10,000 damages alleged to have been suffered by the sale of certain barges of coal under

order of the Circuit Court. WILLIAM DUVALL, of Builitt County, uses as "best Sunday breeches" his wedding trousers in which he was made happy forty-five years ago.

MR. JOHN A. KOHLHEPH has been elected Mayor of Franklin by a majority of two votes over his competitor, Dr. A. C. Vallandingham.

JIM FRANKS has been taken from the Covington jail, where he has been confined for safe keeping, and carried to Williamstown to answer the charge of murder, for the killing of his partner, Clark, two years ago. At the same time John Stansifer was taken to receive his sentence of nine years for murder, the Court of Appeals having confirmed the decision of the lower court. In a drunken quarrel in Letcher County,

a man named Fields fatally shot four men, and made good his escape. Tobacco left in open barns has bene greatly injured by the recent warm damp

weather. JESSE STROUD, an eleven-year-old boy, is under bond at Central City for break-

ing into a saloon.